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AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Response to the non-final Office Action was submitted on March 19, 2003. Subsequently, Applicants' Representative and the Examiner discussed the application during a personal interview and a telephone conversation. Applicants submit this Amendment further to the March 19 Response to the non-final Office Action. Applicants request amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

Applicants believe that a petition for time extension and fee are not required because of the previous Response submitted on March 19, 2003. However, if a time extension is required for this Amendment, Applicants petition for a time extension and authorize payment of the fee by charging deposit account no. 02-1818.

This Response is submitted in the revised format now permitted for Office Action responses.

Applicants' representative would like to discuss any issues with this application with the Examiner to quickly place this application in condition for allowance.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 02-1818.

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